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Applicant: Northrup III et al.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

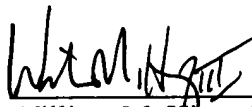
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Commissioner is requested to review and approve the changes to the first sheet of drawings as marked in red on the attached marked-up copy. After approval of these changes, and upon allowance of the application, formal drawings will be submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

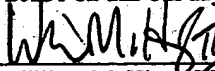
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